

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THANKING REPRESENTATIVE HINCHEY FOR HIS SERVICE TO NEW YORK STATE AND AMERICA

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2012*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of my colleague and fellow New Yorker, Congressman MAURICE HINCHEY, who will not be seeking reelection. As members of the New York Congressional Delegation, I have seen firsthand the contributions MAURICE has made to the people of the 22nd Congressional District, New York State and our entire nation.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Congressman HINCHEY rose from humble beginnings to serve in both the New York State Assembly and the House of Representatives. As an important member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman HINCHEY has created good paying jobs, invested in New York and America's infrastructure, protected middle-class families, championed for local farmers and has been a great protector of our environment.

I wholeheartedly thank Congressman HINCHEY for his service, leadership and friendship. He has shown inspiring strength and resolve in battling cancer while upholding the highest level of commitment to his constituents and country. I wish Congressman HINCHEY both health and happiness during the next chapter in his life.

RECOGNIZING WILL TRAVIS

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman PETE STARK, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI to recognize Will Travis, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) of 17 years, as he retires after 42 years of public service.

Will "Tray" Travis, holds a Bachelor of Architecture and a Master of Regional Planning degree from Pennsylvania State University. From 1970 to 1972 he served as BCDC's first Bay Development Design Analyst, after which he spent 12 years with the California Coastal Commission, holding a number of positions, including heading the agency's offshore oil drilling permit staff, directing its public access program, and overseeing its budget and ad-

ministrative functions. He returned to BCDC in 1985 as Deputy Director and was later appointed Executive Director in 1995.

Travis has written many articles on coastal issues, has provided advice on coastal matters to other states and nations, and has been a university lecturer throughout North America. He was appointed Chairman of the Shell Oil Spill Litigation Settlement Trustee Committee, which administered a multimillion dollar settlement fund to settle claims resulting from a 1988 oil spill. In that capacity, he spearheaded the public acquisition of 10,000 acres of privately owned salt ponds along the northern shoreline of the San Francisco Bay in one of the largest coastal wetland restoration projects in California's history.

Over the years Travis has been a tremendous leader in protecting San Francisco Bay while balancing the difficult roles of conservation and development. He has established himself as a leading advocate for a regional strategy to address climate change and sea level rise in the Bay Area. My colleagues and I, as well as over 7 million residents in the Bay Area, owe him a great debt of gratitude for protecting our quality of life.

Travis was the 2009 recipient of the Jean Auer Environmental Award and is a member of the National Research Council Roundtable on Climate Change Education. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, the EcoAdapt Climate Change Adaptation Innovation Center, the Executive Management Committee of a Joint Policy Committee of four regional agencies, the Community Advisory Board of KB Home Corporation and Friends of One Bay Area. Furthermore, Travis is a member of Lambda Alpha, the honorary society for the advancement of land economics, he has chaired a special committee established by the City of Berkeley to work with the University of California to develop a new plan for downtown Berkeley, and has served on the project team of "Saving the Bay," a public television documentary film.

Mr. Speaker, we invite this chamber to join us in honoring Will Travis for his tireless and dedicated service to the people of California and the San Francisco Bay Area. We also join his family, colleagues, and friends in congratulating him on a successful and fulfilling career at BCDC and wishing him well on his new initiative as a senior policy advisor for the Bay Area's Joint Policy Committee.

SECOND TIME AS SWEET AS FIRST  
FOR NORTHERN GUILFORD

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 1, 2012*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, for the second consecutive year, a high school located in the

Sixth District of North Carolina has captured a Class 3-AA state championship. The Northern Guilford Nighthawks won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state championship, defeating Boiling Springs Crest, 31-7, on December 3, 2011.

Northern Guilford scored first but only had a six point lead going into the second half. Nineteen unanswered points, in the third quarter was too substantial for Boiling Springs Crest to overcome. "I know I get credit," Northern Guilford Coach Johnny Roscoe told the Greensboro News & Record, "But it's the assistant coaches and the players. They're the ones who really do it, and I can't say enough about them."

The Northern Guilford Nighthawks finished their season with a 14-1 record and went undefeated, 7-0, in league play. The NCHSAA offensive and defensive players of the game were Nighthawks Daniel Downing and Scooter Mooney. T.J. Logan received the game's Most Valuable Player award with a five touchdown performance. None of these accolades would have been obtained without the hard work and determination from teammates Tre Purcell, Cameron Harris, Brett Welch, Austin Hoke, John McBeth, Ryan Dirks, Nick Jones, Austin Coltrane, Mark Mitchell, Avery Cooper, Shaquille Fields, Burney Sindab, Justin Timmons, Chris Ripberger, Malik Parker, Robert Wilcox, Rory Bergen, Bernard Sindab, T.J. Ruff, Trip Dunn, Trevon Cooper, Frankie Lollis, Ryan Johnston, Trevor McKee, Austin Simmons, Max Klietsch, Tripp West, Blaine Jones, Eric Hong, Josh Steele, Kamen Smith, Chris Forlano, Trevor Beck, Rashad Martin, Sam Parker, Andrew Keen, Bryan Iddings, Taylor Rumley, Molick Scott, Josh Moore, Alex Hasler, and Carlos Williams.

The Nighthawks could not have achieved the state championship without the leadership of Head Coach Johnny Roscoe and his outstanding staff, including J.R. Troutman, Brian Thomas, Lee Meekins, Ben Hepler, Justin Davis, Todd Sharp, Tim Bagamary, Richard Burton, and Chris Shaffer. In addition, those aiding the title hunt were Stacy Come (Cheerleading), Ed Kimbrough (Band Director), Ashlyn Thomas and Jenna Livingston (Video), Britt Thomas (ball boy), Kirstin Shepperson (Team Physician), Justin Ollis (Trainer), Kalyn Wadsworth and K.T. Song (UNCG Athletic Training Interns), Mercedes Wigglesworth, Sydney Monroe and Taylor Phillips (Student Trainers), Perry Johnson (Manager) and a special thanks to Mrs. Jane Roscoe.

Congratulations are also deserved for those who supported the football program at Northern Guilford throughout its successful season including Principal Will Laine, Assistant Principals Doug Foutty, Kris Vecchione, and Travis Ward, as well as Athletic Director Brian Thomas.

Once more, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Northern Guilford High School football team, along with the faculty, staff and students for their championship season. While everyone remembers the first time they achieved a

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